

REMARKS

In the Office Action, all of the claims were rejected in view of the proposed combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,353,331 to Emery et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,963,864 to O'Neil et al. In the Office Action, it was asserted that the motivation to make this combination is to "allow a system that provides wireless communications to subscribers of a private wireline network." Applicants respectfully submit that this is not sufficient motivation to combine Emery et al. with O'Neil et al. because Emery et al. alone provides wireless communications to subscribers of a private wireline network.

Col. 11, lines 6-22 of Emery et al. state (emphasis added):

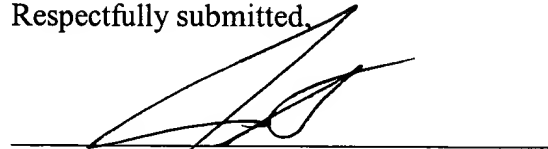
To provide wireless centrex services to a particular location, which may be the same customer premises 141, lines 145 connect the PCS MC 119 to macrocell antennae within the customer's building. Although shown as a single building, the integrated Centrex could cover a broader area, for example an entire college campus. *The PCS system can integrate a customer's existing wireline-based Centrex or PBX services with a wireless version of those services.* PCS will allow four digit dialing of the personal Centrex or PBX number, and it will recognize when the personal user is located within a unique wireless environment based upon registration information sent to it by the wireless Centrex/PBX provider for delivery of calls. *Calls to the Centrex/PBX number will be automatically routed to wherever the personal user is, be it wired or wireless and on any connecting network.*

Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art would not have combined Emery et al. with O'Neil et al. to provide wireless communications to subscribers of a private wireline network because Emery et al. already provides that functionality. Because Emery et al. already provides the result that was the basis of the proposed combination, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no motivation to combine Emery et al. with O'Neil et al. Because the required motivation is lacking, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the claims should be removed.

If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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Respectfully submitted,

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